

## Other Useful Information

### PE

Children will need to bring in their PE kit on a Monday morning and it is advised that they take it home again on Fridays to be washed.

Year 6 PE lessons will take place on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

### Confirmed Dates

**Brenscombe Residential Trip, Dorset**  
**PROVISIONAL DATE:**

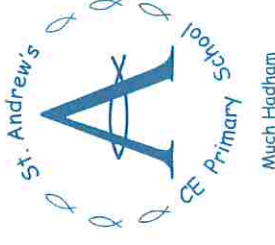
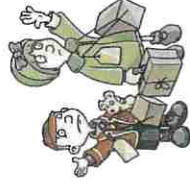
Monday 17th to Friday 22nd May 2021

*(Subject to residential trips being permitted –  
we will keep you updated)*

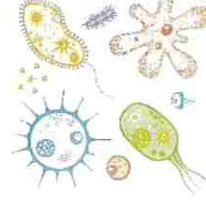
### National Tests

At the age of 11, every child is required to take statutory National Curriculum tests in **Mathematics, Reading and Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling**. Writing teacher assessments will also be submitted. The national tests for this academic year will take place in the week of:

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 13th May 2021**



# Year 6



## Autumn Term 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a restful summer. It has been lovely to finally welcome back all of the children for the start of the new school year. Each term, we will be sending out an information leaflet similar to this one, which will provide you with details of our upcoming learning. I very much look forward to working with you and your children during Year 6.

**English:** In English this term, we will be carrying out two separate book studies, starting with the book 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll. We will also look at persuasive writing and vocabulary building through poetry. **Grammar** skills are embedded through the teaching of writing, but may also take place in standalone grammar lessons. In addition, we will be carrying out daily **whole class Guided Reading** sessions and a number of short **spelling** sessions each week. The children will also continue to develop their **handwriting** skills.

**Maths:** In Maths, we use the **Herts Essential Maths** scheme. Techniques to support learning include use of partner talk, games, investigations and CPA approaches (concrete, pictorial and abstract). In the first term, we focus on developing a secure understanding of place value; selecting effective mental calculation strategies; fractions, decimals and percentages; the formal written methods of short multiplication and division and properties of shapes, including parallelograms. Additional short **Maths Fluency** sessions work alongside the main lessons.

**Topics, Art & Design & Technology:** In Year 6, our first topic will be '**Keep Calm & Carry On**'. In this History based topic, we will be discovering what caused World War II, who was involved and what life was like for those on the home front. We will also carry out a linked **Art** project. In the second half-term, our topic continues with a World War II theme but also has links to computers and coding and is entitled: '**Cracking the Code**'. In this topic, we will explore the important role that the code-breakers played in helping to bring World War II to an end. We will also carry out a D&T project.

**Science, RE & PSHE:** In **Science**, we begin with a topic on **Living Things & Their Habitats** before learning all about **Light**. Science will initially be taught by Mrs. Handley, our Science subject leader, who will be covering Year 6 PPA. In **RE** we start by learning about Hinduism and how Hindus endeavor to live good lives. We then move on to explore the value of respect within different communities. In **PSHE**, we follow a scheme called **Jigsaw**. Our first unit is entitled '**Being Me in My World**' and our second is all about '**Celebrating Difference**'.

### **Computing:**

Computing lessons are based around the Purple Mash scheme of work. Our first topic this term will be **Internet Safety** before we move onto **Coding & Binary** to link in with our theme, '**Cracking the Code**'.

### **Music, French & PE:**

Music & French will be taught in blocked lessons, with our first focus in Music being on songs from World War 2. This year in PE, we are starting a brand new and exciting scheme of work called '**Complete PE**'. We begin the term by focusing on *Social Distancing Games* and *Outdoor & Adventure Activities: Problem Solving*. In the second half of term we move on to *Orienteering* and *Health Related Exercise*.

### **Home Learning:**

This term we will be going **digital** with home learning, with further details to be provided in due course.

**Maths:** Year 6 will receive one piece of **Maths homework** on a Thursday and will be expected to hand it in by the following Tuesday. Practice of **multiplication tables** at home is also essential, as this knowledge feeds into many areas of Maths. Resources such as the Times Table Rockstars website & the BBC Sport Times Table videos/songs can be fun ways of practising.

**English:** **English homework** consists of **regular reading & spelling practice**, which feeds into so many areas of learning.

### **Reading:**

- Children should aim to read **daily where possible**, reading on at least three out of the five weekdays and once at the weekend.
- Many children who are confident free readers will like to read in their head, but it is a good idea if they can read aloud to you at least once a week.
- Please support us in confirming that your child has read **by recording your initials** in the KS2 Home/School Organiser each time your child reads independently or to you. Please do talk with your child about their reading.

### **Spelling:**

- We are now using the brand new **Herts Essential Spelling** scheme. Each week the children will explore a particular rule or pattern. For homework, they will be set an activity related to this rule/pattern. Each half term they will also receive a selection of the Year 5 and 6 statutory words to practice at home. They will be assessed on these at the end of each half-term.

**Other Subjects:** From time to time, additional homework may be set from another subject.